

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ A method of inspecting actuator operation for an actuator having a movable portion displaceable between an actuation position where a safety stop device of an elevator is actuated and a normal position where the actuation of the safety stop device is released, comprising:

displacing the movable portion between the normal position and a semi-operation ~~portion~~ position located between the normal position and the actuation position.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended). ~~An~~ The method of inspecting actuator operation according to claim 1, wherein the actuator further has an electromagnetic coil for displacing the movable portion when a current flows through the electromagnetic coil, where the movable portion is displaced between the semi-operation position and the normal position by adjusting the amount of current to the electromagnetic coil.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device for inspecting an operation of an actuator having a movable portion displaceable between an actuation position where a safety stop device of an elevator is actuated and a normal position where the actuation of the safety stop device is released, and an electromagnetic coil for displacing the movable portion by causing a current to flow through the electromagnetic coil, the device comprising:

a feeder circuit for supplying an amount of electricity required for a semi-operation, in which the movable portion is displaced from the normal position to a semi-operation position located between the normal position and the actuation position, to the electromagnetic coil, the amount of electricity required for the semi-

operation being less than that required for a full operation for displacing the movable portion from the normal position to the actuation position.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended). ~~Device~~ The device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 3, wherein the feeder circuit ~~[[has]]~~ includes a capacitor ~~which can supply that supplies~~ the amount of electricity required for the semi-operation to the electromagnetic coil.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ The device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 3, wherein the feeder circuit ~~[[has]]~~ includes a resistor ~~for consuming that consumes~~ a part of the amount of electricity required for the full operation .

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ The device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 3, further comprising a detection portion for detecting displacement of the movable portion to a semi-operation position located between the actuation position and the normal position.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ The device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 3, further comprising a load portion for generating a drag acting against displacement of the movable portion in a direction approaching the actuation position.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ The device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 4 , further comprising a load portion for generating a drag acting against displacement of the movable portion in a direction approaching the actuation position.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ The device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 5, further comprising a load portion for generating a drag acting against displacement of the movable portion in a direction approaching the actuation position.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ The device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 6, further comprising a load portion for generating a drag acting against displacement of the movable portion in a direction approaching the actuation position.

Claim 11 (New): The device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 3, wherein the feeder circuit comprises:

an inspection mode capacitor configured to supply the amount of electricity required for the semi-operation,

a normal mode capacitor configured to supply the amount of electricity required for full operation, and

a switching device configured to switch between connecting the inspection mode capacitor and the normal mode capacitor to the electromagnetic coil.

Claim 12 (New): The device for inspecting actuator operation according to claim 3, wherein the feeder circuit comprises:

a capacitor,

a switch configured to connect the capacitor to the electromagnetic coil for the full operation for displacing the movable portion from the normal position to the actuation position,

a resistor,

wherein the switch is further configured to connect the resistor and the capacitor in series and to connect the resistor to the electromagnetic coil to supply the amount of electricity required for the semi-operation, the resistor consuming a part of the amount of electricity required for the full operation so the electromagnetic coil is supplied with the amount of electricity required for the semi-operation which is less than that required for the full operation.

Claim 13 (New): The method according to claim 3, wherein the displacing comprises:

discharging a normal mode capacitor, included in the feeder circuit, configured to supply the amount of electricity required for full operation,

charging an inspection mode capacitor, included in the feeder circuit, configured to supply the amount of electricity required for the semi-operation,

operating a switching device that switches between connecting the inspection mode capacitor and the normal mode capacitor to the electromagnetic coil, and

discharging the inspection mode capacitor through the electromagnetic coil to displace the movable portion to the semi-operation position.

Claim 14 (New): The method according to claim 3, wherein the displacing comprises:

charging a capacitor included in the feed circuit,

disengaging the capacitor, with a switch device included in the feeder circuit, from the electromagnetic coil,

connecting a resistor to the capacitor in series with the switching device, and

connecting, with the switching device, the resistor and the capacitor to the electromagnetic coil to supply the amount of electricity required for the semi-operation, the resistor consuming a part of the amount of electricity required for the full operation so the electromagnetic coil is supplied with the amount of electricity required for the semi-operation which is less than that required for the full operation.